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1. Transmittal Form (1 page)
2. Response to Office Action dated August 4, 2005, including Appendix with one replacement sheet of drawings (13 pages)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 4, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper. A "Replacement Sheet" for each sheet of drawings being amended can be found in the Appendix.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix including a replacement sheet of drawings is attached following page 11 of this paper.